

COUNCIL BRIEFS

July 29, 2016

Capital Projects: The summer months are a busy construction time at the public schools. The following capital projects are underway:

* **Hall High School** – Newly renovated main offices and school entrance vestibule. In addition, the existing wooden basketball floor was restored, and new lines and new Hall High School logo were painted.

* **Conard High School** – The original 59-year-old gym floor was replaced with state-of-the-art maple wood flooring in all six basketball/volleyball courts. Also, new football field home-side bleachers and press box will be installed.

* **Webster Hill Elementary School** – The original auditorium was renovated with new wood seating, new concrete floor, an ADA accessible access, fresh paint on the walls, and restoration of the original wood stage.

* **King Philip Middle School** – The original roof was removed and new energy-efficient roofing material with a 30-year warranty was installed. This is the second year of a three-year project to replace entire roof.

New Overnight Parking System launched:

The Police Department released a new online service for residents to obtain overnight parking permits for when they are unable to park in their driveways. The permit allows cars to be parked on the road without receiving a ticket. On-street parking is prohibited between 2:00-5:00 AM.

In 2015, public safety dispatchers took over 18,000 calls from residents requesting a parking permit, often taking away from more important calls. This new system allows residents to obtain a permit by going to the [web site](#) instead of calling the police department

Extended Evening Swim Hours: Due to the hot temperatures forecasted for the coming weeks, the Department of Leisure Services is extending the evening recreation swim times by 30 minutes at Fernridge, Kennedy and Beachland parks, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm,

Monday-Friday, July 25 to August 5.

Eisenhower Park will offer extended evening swim times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

North/South Main Street Night Paving: North Main Street from Loomis Drive to Farmington Avenue, and South Main Street from Farmington Avenue to Ellsworth Drive/Town Hall driveway, will be paved beginning Sunday, July 31 from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Paving may take up to five nights to complete. Detours and parking restrictions will be removed by 6AM.

Summer Arts Festival presents *Beauty and the Beast*: In its 40th anniversary season, the West Hartford Summer Arts Festival proudly presents *Beauty and the Beast*. Performances are held at Northwest Catholic High School on July 28, July 29, and July 30 at 7:00pm and July 31 at 2:00pm. Tickets for *Beauty and the Beast* may be [purchased online](#) or at the box office.

Founded in 1977, the Summer Arts Festival is an educational summer theater program for high school and college students and is a joint venture between West Hartford Public Schools Department of Fine & Performing Arts and the Department of Leisure Services.

Changes in the Corporation Counsel Office:

As of August 1, Joe O'Brien will resign from the position of Corporation Counsel after nearly 15 years of service, making him West Hartford's longest-running Corporation Counsel. In addition, Patrick Alair will retire after 30 years of service as Deputy Corporation Counsel and will return as the part-time Corporation Counsel. Kimberly Boneham will be promoted to Deputy Corporation Counsel. Garmon Newsom will join the office as Assistant Corporation Counsel also on Aug. 1. Garmon spent over a decade working for the City of Renton, Washington, and prior to that, as a prosecutor and an attorney for the New York City Transit Authority.

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